Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— We do not maintain a separate list for earth work, road work and so on. We have only a general list of approved contractors. The approved contractors are generally given certain facilities for tendering purposes. A man may be doing only earth work for fifteen years and he may not be capable at all to take up building works. But still we give him an approved contractor's place so that he also need not deposit the earnest money when tendering for works. This Naicken even though he may be doing contract works in the Department for many years he has not taken up even one building work. No building work of any great magnitude has been taken by him except constructing a latrine or some such thing.

Kizhakke-Chalakkudi-Pariyaram road—condition of.

310. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the unsatisfactory condition of the Kizhakke Chalakkudi—Pariyaram road;

(b) is this road not metalled yet?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) The road has been repaired and is in a satisfactory condition now.

(b) Metal collection on the road has been completed. Spreading and consolidation will be done as soon as rains set in.

Parur-Chennamangalam Bridge—Completion of.

311. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the construction of the Parur-Chennamangalam bridge was completed on the 1st of Makaram last as stated in one of the answers to a question in this Council;

(2) if the answer is in the negative the reasons for not completing; and

(3) the date on which it is likely to be completed?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(1) and (2) Due to the delay in getting certain additional piles ordered for, the work could not be completed on 1st Makaram 1113.

(3) The work will be completed by the end of Edavam 1113.

Second crop—Failure in Nemmara—remission due to.

312. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) have not the Government conducted an investigation on the petition submitted by the Nemmara public regarding their grievances due to failure of single crops in Nemmara firkah;

(b) if so, what is the extent of the fields affected by this failure of crops according to Government calculation;

(c) if the crops have really failed due to lack of rains is it not the duty of the Government to allow a reasonable remission in land revenue;

(d) in this case what percentage of revenue do the Government intend to allow as remission;

(e) is it not the duty of the Government to give effect to its intention in this year's revenue itself?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) Complete destruction 407·38 acres approximately.

Partial do 372·91 acres do.

(c) (d) & (e) The question of granting remission is under consideration

Irrigation schemes—working of.

313. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi).*—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the total number of schemes for irrigation opened in the State for the last 10 years;

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